

Recycling and Waste Disposal Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2018

PRESENT: E. Cabral, (Chairman), C. Kowalski, P. Wentworth, and C. Cipriano
(absent R. Nugent and R. Davis)

GUEST: Tony Belanger, Pinard Waste Systems and Selectman Joe Guthrie

MINUTES

P. Wentworth made a motion to approve the minutes of June 13, 2018 as amended. The motion was seconded by C. Kowalski. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

C. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2018 as presented. The motion was seconded by P. Wentworth. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Visitors Comments

Leo Sarapas- He explained that he has been a resident for about 30 years and had been a member of the Conservation Commission a long time ago. He was also a Scout Master and participated with Civic Sports. He recently retired from Boston Scientific and worked in Environmental Health Safety. He is interested in seeing what he could be helpful in. He also stated that he had visited Waste Management in Rochester today and stated that it was quite an operation.

Neil Emerson- one of the co-owners of Emerson Park asked that the Committee consider getting smaller toters for the areas that have 55 and up housing such as Emerson Park. He was concerned that they would be too hard or difficult for the older residents to move, he also noted that many of them barely put out a bag a week and have limited space. He did state that he was in favor of the move to an automated system.

Ms. Cabral asked what the residents in his park use now. If it has wheels, she explained, then it is going to be any different in moving. She also explained that the hauler said that they don't like to use the smaller toters because they don't pick up as well and therefore they don't recommend using them. She did note that they could check with him again and stated that maybe if the whole park had them it would be easier in that section. She pointed out that the committee is aware that they are a concern. She also pointed out that at this time they need to take the advice of the hauler. The smaller toter tends to tip and it is not practical, is what they were told. They discussed getting a sample of the 65 toters to bring down to the community center in the Emerson Park for the residents to see and use. Mr. Emerson said that there is a social gathering that has about 40-50 people from the park on the first Saturday of the month. The Committee asked to see if they could get a few sample of the toters. Mrs. Harrington said that she would check and see what she had left.

OLD BUSINESS

No old Business

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee needs to discuss logistics on moving forward. The contract is currently in the hands of Town Counsel. E. Cabral will work with Penny Williams on articles to get the word out. There was a suggestion of creating a frequently asked question file and put it on the website. There needs to be a way to build awareness. The committee needs to know what literature will be on the toters and get that ready and to have a mailer done for the fall to get out to the residents, along with a delivery date of the toters.

C. Kowalski presented a list of items they should be looking at and a time frame to schedule them.

1. The recycling materials will change over the next year and we should be ready for it (i.e. glass)
2. Size of the toters
3. Recycling rules on toters along with communication on who to call etc.
4. Labeling on toters –square away town and service #- see if Property of Hampstead could be on it.
5. What to do with old barrels/recycling bins
6. Inventory per household- responsibility of homeowner to leave behind when selling.

7. Set up of toters- maybe do a movie to show how to use them and communicate it. P. Wentworth stated that T. Belanger said that they would place the toters in the spot for the resident to place them. There was a concern about the residents that have it brought in by someone else and don't see the location.

8. Warning stickers for doing something wrong. T. Belanger stated that there would be a learning curve so how to enforce the issues.

9. More boxes and cardboard being used and they need to go into the containers.

10. Article- "How to get ready of 2019"- Trash and recycling in Hampstead. R. Davis suggested to break it down into what we need to do and what would be for the newsletter/website.

11. Toters for the "snowbirds" how to get them brought to the homes after delivery for those that aren't home for the winter. There was a question as to how far ahead we would get them and what happens if stormy. C. Kowalski said that they should be ordered early to be ready to go. He also mentioned that the recycling guides should be on the label and if there are changes in what is recycled, how would that be handled. It was stated that a sticker would go over the imprinted section. E. Cabral stated that they should decide early on about whether or not to continue with recycling the glass so that the website would have the most up to date information for the change over. P. Wentworth mentioned that maybe a deposit on bottles needs to be looked at to help in the cost of recycling them.

12. Color of toters- heard black for trash and blue for recycling and yellow for the extra trash (covers). C. Cipriano asked if the recycling symbol would be on the toter. It was noted that it would be great to get some information going early for the summer residents. It would be great if there was a toter available for the 7/24 concert when the Hampstead Seniors would be attending.

Information could get out on the sign out in front of the Town Office along with the Cable Channel and maybe the sign at the Central School. Mrs. Harrington suggested during the fall, doing scarecrows with toters. There was some question about doing something during the parade. There would need to be visits to the various clubs and organizations and open houses at the schools.

The scheduled start date would actually be January 2nd due to the holiday. It was suggested to see if Casella would finish out the first week in January and begin the new contract on January 7th, which would make it less confusing for the residents. The contract should also be checked to end on a complete week. This wasn't thought of when RFP was created.

Someone asked when Pinard would know the routes they will use. Pinard is expected to be at the August meeting in which a lot of information/questions should come out and or be answered.

Household Hazardous Waste-

Mrs. Harrington reported that the invoice for the Spring Household Hazardous Waste Day came in at about \$4,400 and based on the number of residents at about \$110 per household.

Swap Shop-

P. Wentworth talked about the shed and suggested that one be built that would be half for the employees to be in (to get out of the elements) and half for the swap shop. This could be insulated and on a concrete slab. The size would need to be determined. R. Davis suggested a prefab building. It was suggested that half the money could be in the budget and half from the grant.

Motion to adjourn at 8:44 pm was made by P. Wentworth and seconded by C. Kowalski and passed 5-0.

NEXT MEETING

August 8, 2018

Respectfully Submitted, Tina Harrington, Secretary